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SELECTMEN and AUDITORS

—OF THE TOWN OF—

LANCASTER, N. H.,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Selectmen submit the following:

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

No. of Polls, 637; Real Estate—value, $717,498; No. of Carriages, 65—value, $5,322; No. of Horses, 607—value $34,430; No. of Cattle, 2,052—value, $45,362; No. of Sheep, 1,606—value, $4,576; No. of Swine, 48—value, $336; Stock in Trade, $63,150; Money at Interest, $119,-418; Mills—value, $13,770; Dogs, 98.

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

For State Tax,	1882,	$2,164 00
County Tax,	"	3,790 48
School,	"	2,298 35
Town,	"	7,747 27
Highway Tax in labor,	"	3,000 00
" " in money,	"	1,000 00
School House Tax in Dist. No. 1,	"	800 00
" " " " " " 4,	"	400 00
" " " " " " 11,	"	21 00

No. of District,	No. of Scholars,	School Money.
1	214	$1,069 09
2	17	127 29
3	28	141 09
4	29	114 78
5	16	99 23
6	22	161 47
7	5	71 85
8	18	95 09
9	29	103 78
10	10	67 46
11	6	64 61
14	7	58 45
15	12	77 54
Dalton,	6	19 09

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1883.

Notes and Bonds including Interest,	$30,473 75
Due C. W. Chessman, Collector for 1882,	50 00
	$30,523 75

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in hand of Treasurer,	$2,671 89
Amount due C. W. Chessman, Collector, 1882,	500 00
Boswell Homestead,	875 00
Fire Proof Safe,	200 00
Liquor on hand,	150 00
Real Estate sold for taxes in 1876 and deeded to Town,	205 08
Balance of Cemetery Note,	1,025 00
Notes and accounts in hands of Cemetery Com.,	435 69
Lancaster House Plot,	2,000 00
Gravel bank,	125 00
Balance against the Town,	$22,336 09

We find the following sums will be required to meet the liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, without reducing its indebetedness, and without making any provision for Highways and Bridges:

State Tax for 1883,	$2,164 00
County Tax for 1883,	3,445 81
Interest on Bonds,	1,265 50
For Schools,	2,331 70
Town Officers,	900 00
Support of Paupers,	900 00
Fire Department,	650 00
	$11,657 01
Bonds due in 1883,	3,450 00

AUDITORS' REPORT.

C. L. GRISWOLD, Treasurer, To Town of Lancaster, Dr.

Cash on hand,	$4,667 36
of J. W. Weeks rent of school lot for 1881 and 1882,	42 00
C. W. Chessman, collector, 1881,	200 00
Selectmen, license for shows,	52 00
" liquor prosecutions,	10 00
W. E. Bullard, Sec. of Cemetery Com.,	175 00
Selectmen,	300 00
K. B. Fletcher,	700 00
Owen Shannon, rent of school lot,	6 00
State Treasurer, R. R. Tax,	384 11
" " Savings Bank Tax,	1,076 98
" " Literary Fund,	216 20
" " Bounty on Game,	13 60
C. W. Chessman, collector 1882,	18,559 17
Selectmen for liquor sold,	8 30
L. S. Stalbird, rent of school lot, 1881 and 1882,	8 00
J. Colby, rent of school lot,	1 50
O. F. Bothell, collector, balance due 1880,	118 14
	$26,568 36

C. L. GRISWOLD, Treasurer, To Town of Lancaster, Cr.

Paid Collector, balance 1881,	$ 25 00
" " " 1882,	175 00
S. R. Chesman, statuary,	2 00
S. H. Legro, for gravel bank,	138 20
R. P. Kent & Son, for nails and spikes,	6 97
Town Clerk,	144 50
Selectmen for drain,	110 00
Repairs on jail,	4 40
Health Officers,	65 00
Cobleigh & Moore for street lamps,	122 04
E. C. Garland & Son, fence boards for cemetery,	30 39
Jailors fees,	22 00

State tax,	2,164 00
Express on same,	55
W. C. Spaulding, supervisor,	29 75
Overseer of the poor, support of paupers,	1,077 34
C. E. Harriman, snowing bridge,	13 00
Dr. Mitchell, vaccinating, 1881,	100 00
Lancaster House plot,	2,000 00
Abatement of taxes,	108 79
Insane Asylum, for insane poor,	170 35
County Tax,	3,790 48
Returning births and deaths,	20 25
Work on old cemetery,	50 25
C. C. Noyes, road damage,	200 00
Selectmen, services,	280 00
Printing,	41 00
Town Treasurer,	50 00
Bounty on crows,	3 00
" " bears,	10 00
Lawyers fees,	127 00
Drain Tile and labor on drain,	517 05
Stationery,	14 17
Police,	36 67
Sup. School Committee, 1881,	49 10
" " " 1882,	77 50
Sylvanus Holmes, land damage and building road,	100 00
J. S. Ockington, land damage,	10 00
Damages in highway,	3 85
Sheep killed by dogs,	15 50
Lighting bridge, 1881 and 1882,	31 07
Fire Department, 1879-80-81,	37 47
" " 1882,	627 02
Bonds and interest,	6,324 40
C. S. Hodgdon, services as Overseer of poor,	94 00
" " fencing gravel bank,	5 00
School District No. 4, extra money,	400 00
" " " 1, " "	800 00
Several School Districts,	2,251 30

Highways, 1879-80-81,	109 35
" 1882,	1,161 06
Dennis Stanley, cedar posts,	14 40
A. A. Dow, lighting lamps,	47 50
Breaking Highways,	38 70
J. G. Derby, rent engine house,	25 00
O. F. Bothell, balance due collector, 1880,	25 00
Money in hands of Treasurer,	2,671 89
	$26,568 36

March 1st, 1883, We have examined the foregoing account and find it to be correct as above stated.

WM. HEYWOOD,
WILLIAM F. SMITH, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR

for the year ending March 1st, 1883.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED.

From town,	1077 34

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid for support of town poor, 1881,	10 17
Paid for support of town poor, 1882,	1,067 17
	1,077 34

CHAS. S. HODGDON, Overseer of the Poor.

March 1, 1883. We have settled the foregoing account with Chas. S. Hodgdon, Overseer of the Poor, and find the same to be correct as above stated.

E. SPAULDING, } Selectmen
E. V. COBLEIGH. } of Lancaster.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The schools under my jurisdiction have enjoyed a reasonable prosperity, considering the small number of pupils in many of them. The teachers have been faithful, and the scholars have made commendable progress.

No. 4 has entered upon a new lease of life. The old school-house—a building utterly unfit for school purposes, has been replaced by a new and more commodious structure. The efficient teacher, Miss McGarey, whose work was so successful, even under the unfavorable circumstance of her dilapidated school-room, is displaying more zeal than ever, and her pupils are aiding her to the best of their ability.

No. 9 is a very important school, and Miss Grannis has labored earnestly there. The school building is not quite so large as that school really needs at present. But the spirit is earnest, and the progress encouraging. The other schools have made perceptible advances, and teachers and pupils have labored harmoniously together.

The number of scholars in the district schools is 194. The largest school, No. 9, had 37, and the smallest, No. 2, 4 in regular attendance.

The problem of text books is a serious one to solve in ungraded schools. Your committee has arrived at uniformity so far as possible. The past year the old readers in the schools have been discarded, and the "Sheldons" introduced. By this change a large number of different readers have been taken out of the schools, and now all our schools, village and district, use the same series of readers. It is greatly to be desired that the standard of scholarship be as high as possible, and during the past year I have visited city schools, in Massachusetts, to study

their methods. In No. 3 Miss Cummings commenced to teach script to the younger pupils upon the introduction of the Sheldon Readers, with the like result that I had noticed in the city schools among pupils of that age, and all our teachers have found that this method of teaching script is very simple, and easily mastered by the youngest pupils in the schools.

If the parents, superintending and prudential committees will heartily co-operate, there is no reason why our district schools shall not make marked improvement, notwithstanding their manifold disadvantages.

J. B. MORRISON, Supt. Committee.

Amount of Money & No. of District.	Terms of School.	Teachers.	Wages per Month.	Weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Expenses per Term.	Expense per Scholar.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Philosophy.
No.																		
1. $1069 03	3	See Union Dist. Rep't		36	265	238	545 90	2 06										
2. 129 29	2	Mattie S. Watson.	18 00	10	10	9	45 00	5 00	10	8	6	8	3	2	2	1		1
		Jennie Silsby.	24 00	10	9	7	60 00	6 66	9	9	7	7	4	1		1		
3. 141 09	3	Hattie M. Cummings.	21 00	9	26	22	52 00	2 36	26	26	15	19	10	5	3			
		" "	23 00	7	22	20	40 00	2 00	22	22	17	16	11	6				
		" "	25 00	7	28	24	44 00	1 83	27	26	21	18	11	7	2		1	
4. 114 78		Annie C. McGarey.	16 00	8	27	24	32 00	1 33	27	27	12	17	5	4				
5. 99 23	3	Clara M. Chessman.	12 00	8	14	12	24 00	2 00	14	14	10	9	7	3	1			
		" "	12 00	8	15	12	24 00	2 00	15	14	15	13	12	4	1			
		" "	16 00	8	15	14	32 00	2 29	13	15	13	15	12	4			1	
6. 161 47	3	Mary E. Rogers.	16 00	7	26	21	30 00	2 14	26	26	23	21	9	6	5	1		
		Irene A. Stockwell.	18 00	10	24	22	45 00	2 05	16	24	21	13	6	6		1		
		" "	20 00	10	25	23	50 00	2 17	17	23	0	18	9	8	7	5	3	
7. 71 85		Mary E. Pinkham.	10 00	8	9	8	20 00	2 22	9	9	8	8	6	3	2			
		Evy C. Hartford.	14 00	11	14	12	37 00	2 64	14	14	9	13	8	4	2			
8. 95 09		Jennie M. Black.	12 00	10	16	15	30 00	2 00	16	16	16	8	3	1	2			
		" "	8 00	11	12	11	22 00	2 00	12	12	12	6	2	1	1			
9. 130 78	2	Margaret A. Grannis.	24 00	8	36	31	48 00	1 55	36	36	36	30	13	10	8			
		" "	32 00	12	33	30	96 00	3 20	33	33	33	31	18	3	3			
10. 67 46	2	Martha E. Pinkham.	8 00	8	7	3	16 00	2 29	7	6	0	3	0					
		Stella Lang.	14 00	13	14	11	45 00	4 09	14	12	2	7	2					
11. 64 61	2	Lois O. Howe.	18 00	6	9	8	27 00	3 42	8	9	3	8	5	2	1	1	1	1
		Hattie M. Cummings.	18 00	7	9	9	31 00	3 45	9	9	8	9	5	1	4		2	1
14. 58 45	2	Nellie A. Thompson.	18 00	7	10	10	35 00	3 50	9	6	6	6	6	4	1			
		Mary E. Bain.	10 00	12	9	8	30 00	3 75	9	9	7	7	7	2				
15. 77 54		Julia A. Ellis.	16 00	8	18	16	32 00	2 00	18	13	8	13	7	2				
		" "	20 00	8	21	20	40 00	2 00	21	21	9	16	8	3	1			

REPORT OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

LANCASTER, N. H., Feb. 24th, 1883

J. B. Morrison, Supt. Committee—I herewith transmit the Statistical Report of Union District No. 1. It gives me much pleasure to be able to report that the schools of this District have done good work during the past year. We have secured teachers that have with unwearied industry given us the benefit of a thorough training in their profession, and our pupils have made marked progress. During another year we hope to have our scholars thoroughly graded, and our schools as perfect as is possible with our changing population.

The teachers are greatly hindered in their work by the want of assistance on the part of the parents; allowing the most trivial event to form an excuse for non-attendance or tardiness at school. As we have over two hundred scholars, divided into eight classes, the missing of the instruction of a single recitation may make it hard for the pupil to keep pace with the class, and it is evident what the effect of habitual and persistent absence will be. Again there seems to be on the part of some parents, a total want of care as to the habits formed by their boys, and it is useless to expect any improvement while they are allowed to run at will on the streets evenings, shouting vulgarity and profanity, visiting saloons only to learn vile expressions to be repeated on the play-ground to the injury of their play-mates. When the parents see that their children are at home or away from these bad influences, that they are instructed at home, in things right in themselves, then will our teachers be successful in forming in them that disipline of mind that constitutes the scholar and useful citizen.

Board of Education, by

J. I. WILLIAMS, Prs.

Teachers.	Wages per Month.	Weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Expenses per Term.	Expense per Scholar.	Latin.	Astronomy.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Philosophy.	Drawing.	Geometry.
Margaret A. Grannis,	40 00	12	37	35					37	37	37	37	21	37	16				51	
Carrie B. Hale,	36 00	12	51	47					51	51	51	51	51						58	
Mary E. Rogers,	36 00	12	58	53					58	58	58	58	58							
Mary S. Aldrich,	36 00	12	67	54	$444 00	$2 06½			67	67	58	40	38	32	32					
Mary E. Upham,	40 00	11	32	29					32	32	32	30	32		32				50	
Carrie B. Hale,	36 00	11	50	46					50	50	50	50	50						60	
Mary M. Moore,	36 00	11	60	56					60	60	60	60	60							
Mary S. Aldrich,	36 00	11	97	81	$407 00	$1 70			97	97	60	50	60						60	
Mary E. Upham,	40 00	13	31	30					31	31	31	30	31	31	31					
Carrie B. Hale,	36 00	13	51	46					51	51	51	51	51							
Mary M. Moore,	36 00	13	56	53					56	56	56	56	50						56	
Mary S. Aldrich,	36 00	13	66		$481 00	$2 35½			66	66	20	20	56							
Lancaster Academy.		11	29				14	3				29		29	29	19	13			4
		11	26				14	1				18		26	10	18	12			4
		11	20		101 50		14	1				18		20	10	18	12			3
					91 50															
					75 00															